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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 9:30 a.m. Room 424, State Capitol Building

The House Committee on Government Operations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative Lee Chatfield.

Chair Chatfield requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Members present: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett, Singh, and Greig
Members absent/excused: None

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the minutes from the September 13th meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 4679 (Lilly) Legislature; reports; fiscal note on the financial impact of legislation; require.

Representative Lilly, introduced the substitute (H-1) to the committee. Questions and discussion followed.

The following people submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Lisa Hansknecht, representing Oakland Schools.

Jennifer Smith, representing Michigan Association of School Boards.

Meghann Keit, representing Michigan Association of Counties.

Representative Barrett moved to adopt the substitute (H-1) to HB 4679.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-0-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

Representative Barrett moved to report HB 4679, as substitute (H-1), with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-0-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

The Chair laid before the committee:

HB 4053 (Barrett) State; symbol; English; establish as official state language.

The following people submitted a testimony card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to speak:

Victoria Crouse, representing Michigan League for Public Policy.

Susan Reed, representing Michigan Immigrant Rights Coalition.

Representative Singh offered the following amendments to HB 4053:

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after **“SEC. 1.”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
2. Amend page 1, line 3, after **“SECTIONS 4 AND 5,”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
3. Amend page 2, line 5, after **“IN”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
4. Amend page 2, line 7, after **“IN”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
5. Amend page 2, line 11, after **“IN”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
6. Amend page 2, line 12, after **“THAN”** by striking out **“ENGLISH, AN ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW, AN OJIBEW”**.
7. Amend page 2, line 18, after **“THAN”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
8. Amend page 2, line 22, after **“LIMITED”** by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.
9. Amend page 2, line 9, by striking out **“ENGLISH”** and inserting **“OJIBEW”**.

The motion failed with a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett.

PASS: None.

Representative Singh offered the following amendment to HB 4053:

1. Amend page 2, following line 26, by inserting:

“SEC. 6. THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR IS THE OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF THIS STATE.”.

The motion failed with a vote of 2-3-0.

UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

NAYS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, and Barrett.

PASS: None.

Representative Barrett moved to report HB 4053 with recommendation.

The motion prevailed with a vote of 3-0-2.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Representatives Chatfield, Lauwers, Barrett.

NAYS: None.

PASS: Representatives Singh and Greig.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee and seeing no objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 9:45 a.m.

Representative Lee Chatfield, Chair

Date Approved and Signed

Eddie Sleeper
Committee Clerk
December 13, 2017
15 minutes